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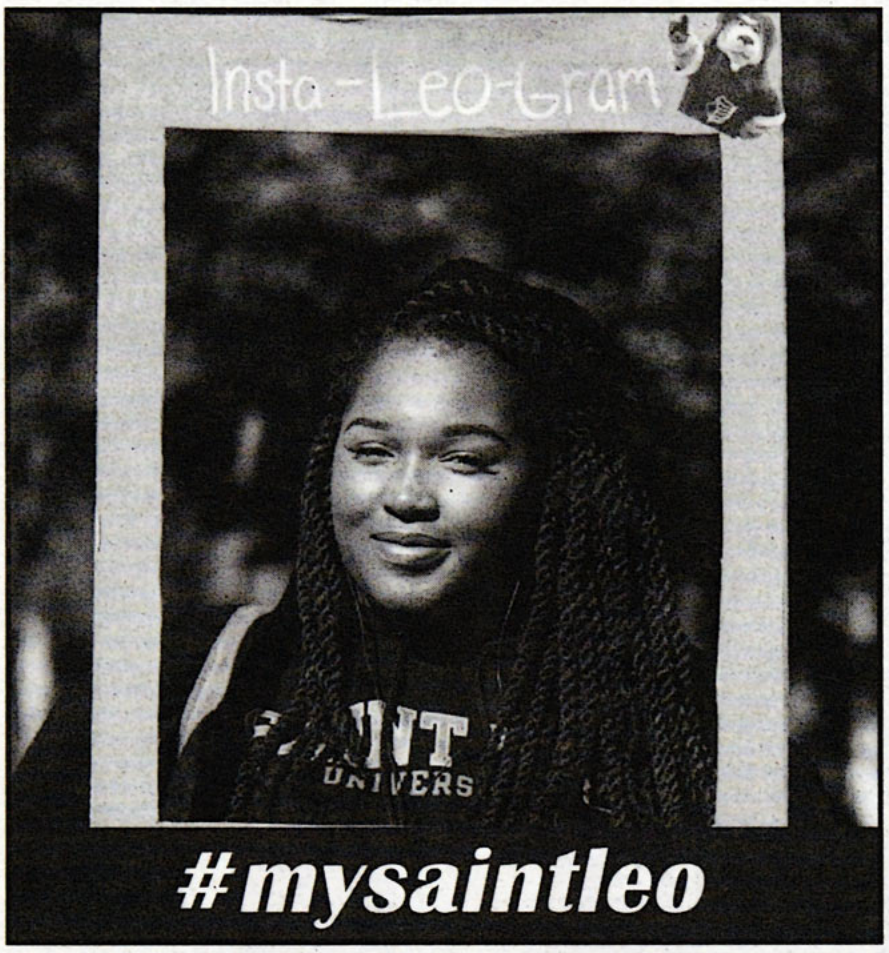

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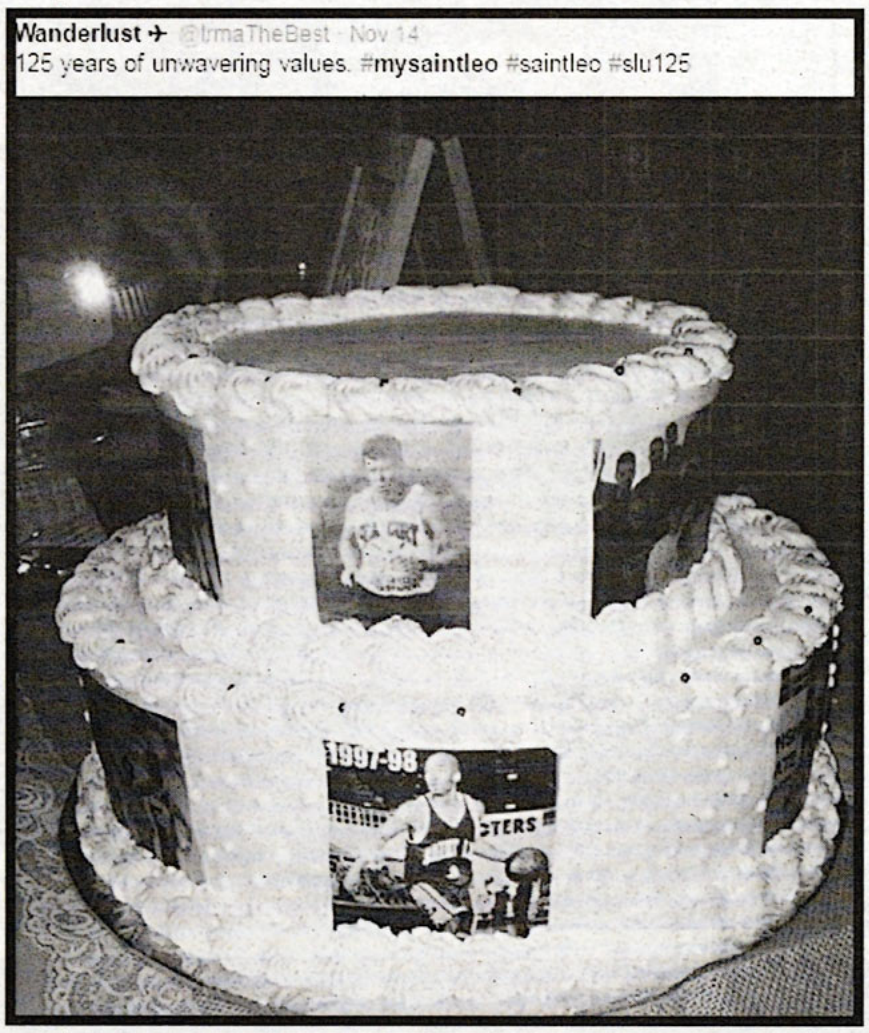

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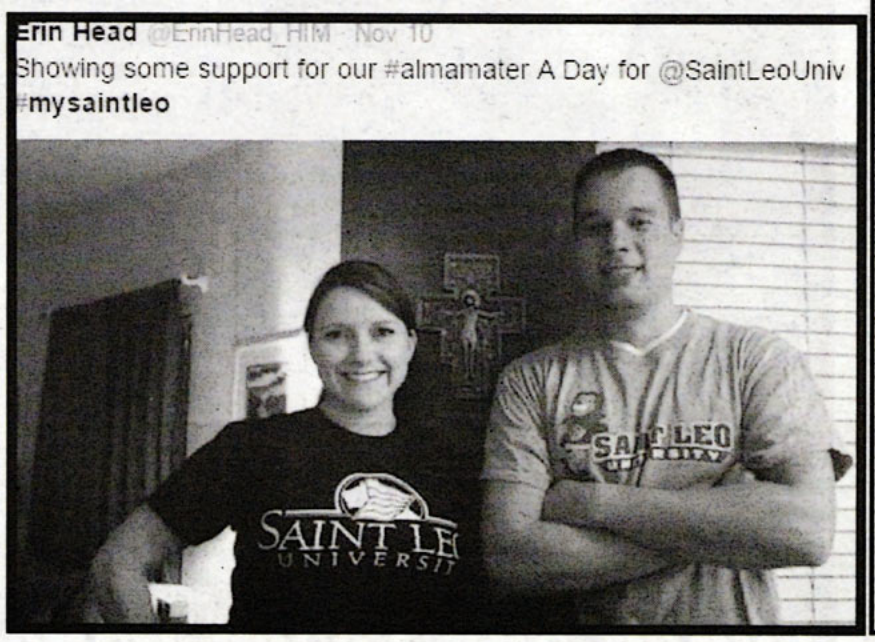
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Remembrance and Honor

Information from University Communications

On Nov. 11, a Veterans Day ceremony was held in the Greendfelder-Denlinger Boardrooms in the Student Community Center. The purpose of the ceremony was to promote, commemorate, and celebrate the veterans of our country, including those who attended the University.

During the ceremony, Steven Collier, a retired colonel of the US Army, was the keynote speaker. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, where he was commissioned as a regular army armor officer, and he also served in the Pentagon. Since his retirement, he has founded his own company called Technology – Management & Innovative Solutions.

Also during the ceremony included a few words from two student speakers, Jovanny Vargas and Nicholas Lanier, as well as a wreath presentation, a Veterans Day presentation, and a veterans' salute. President Kirk also attended..

Photos courtesy of University Communications

A Day of Success for Saint Leo

By Daniel Stockton
Staff Writer

Did you get the chance to take a selfie with Dr. Kirk? Founder's week was a success, starting with "A Day for Saint Leo" with our students, faculty, and staff participating in the Selfie stations to share their Saint Leo story with the community on social media.

Elizabeth Barr, associate director of Sustained Giving, hoped to "blow up social media with pictures of students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends," and she did with the help of Saint Leo community. The 125th Anniversary was celebrated on "A Day for Saint Leo" at 28 different centers.

"It was a great day of school spirit and pride that we look forward to making an annual event," said Barr.

There were selfie stations located across campus on Nov. 10, with Saint Leo gear and props to help students and staff upload pictures and messages to social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Many students participated.

"The participation in A Day for Saint Leo was outstanding. Students, faculty, and staff had a great time with the selfie stations that were set up on campus and alumni from all over showed their spirit and posted their selfies as well," said Barr.

The other events during Founders Week were successful too; on Tues. Nov. 11 was Veterans Day Program, along with Saint Leo's Community Service Day.

On Nov. 12 was the "Happy Together after 125 Years Choral Concert," which had the some of the faculty sing songs and read poetry about what Saint Leo meant to them. Leo Vision showed a video called Being Happy to be at Saint Leo. The video showed Saint Leo athletes, students, and teachers dancing and singing along to "Happy" by Pharrell.

On Nov. 13 was the "Commemorative History Panel" describing the history of Saint Leo over its 125 year history.

On Nov. 14 was Fritz/ Saint Leo's birthday party at the "125 Anniversary Party," which included free long sleeve t-shirts, big tumbler cups to promote the 125th and free food. There were activities promoting students to dance, play games and make some cool novelties to have.

"I really enjoyed the food, giveaways, and having a good time dancing," said Matthew Morais, Sophomore.

Three Questions Reveal Diverse Opinions on Campus

Saint Leo has Mixed Opinions about this Month's Elections

By Stephanie Holz
Staff Writer

The results for the 2014 election are in. Students, faculty, and staff all over campus continue to discuss the topic with mixed feelings, eager to share their thoughts with others. Keep reading to see what people on campus had to say in response to these few simple questions:

- Question 1: Are you satisfied with the results of the election?
- Question 2: What would you like to see out of the candidates?
- Question 3: What do you think is going to happen next based on the results of the election?

Eriqua McGhee
Junior Computer Science Major

Q1. "Am I 100 percent happy? No. The issue is that the election is based off of the previous record of the Republican Party. The only thing that they have right now that they get to go on for the next two years is to get president Obama impeached or get rid of the affordable health care act. The democrats did not want to do anything and now they can't do anything."

Q2. "Don't just sit there and point the blame game on someone else. Come up with an original plan that's actually going to help. Look at your state, figure out what's wrong with it, and fix it."

Q3. "Nothing is going to happen. Things will start rolling in the 2016 elections.

Alexis Strokoff
Public Health Major

Q1. "I wanted amendment two to pass because I believe doctors should have the right and as much access as possible to take care of their patients so I think there is a lot of misunderstanding about the amendment too. People think they want to use it recreationally to get when in reality it's to help people with pain management. Because of Rick Scott I have extra tuition to pay and I thought perhaps if Charlie Christ were elected that would not be an issue."

Q2. "I'd like to see some change and open mindedness to both sides."

Q3. "The future seems bleak."

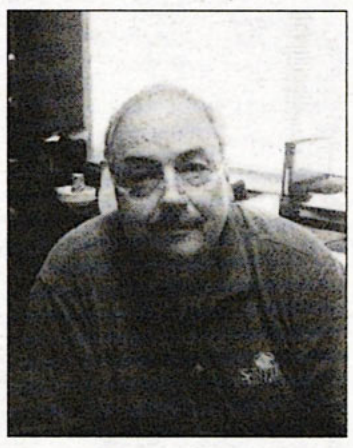
Dr. Heather Parker
Associate Professor of History and Chair of Social Sciences

Q1. "I think the election reflects a cycle. It's what gives us balance. It's to be expected that after a long period of democrats in power we should have Republicans in power and it will cycle back again."

Q2. "I would like to see open mindedness and a commitment to progression rather than reactionary politics."

Q3. "I think the passing of the environmental amendment shows that we are making progress."

Dr. Charles Hale
Professor of Education and Management

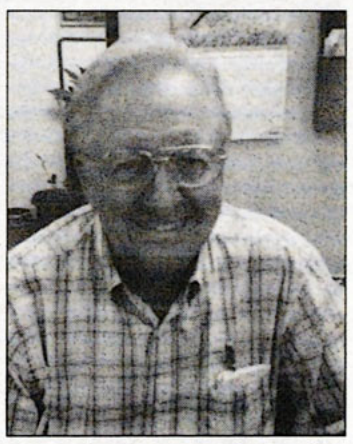


Q1. "I would have liked to have seen the Democratic governor win because it would have provided some balance in Tallahassee."

Q2. "Honesty and more of a discussion of the issues rather than why one guy is not as bad as the other guy."

Q3. "The passing of the environmental amendment should help speed the restoration of Florida wetlands and the purchase of other pristine areas at risk in other areas of our state, which would be good for both locals and tourists. There is going to need to be further discussion on amendment two. There is some evidence to suggest that there are some medicinal benefits to medical marijuana but a significant number of our fellow citizens remain unconvinced."

Roy Marks
Learning Resource Center Writing Tutor



Q1. "None of my candidates won. I personally supported Beverly Ledbetter and sang a song for her. I donated to her and Charlie Christ and met Annet Tadeo. When they lost, I felt like I lost."

Q2. "I would like to see the voters get out and vote! These people that sit at home and wonder why things are so bad. Duh!"

Q3. "Basically nowhere because instead of stalling just in the house and the senate, it'll stall in the White House."

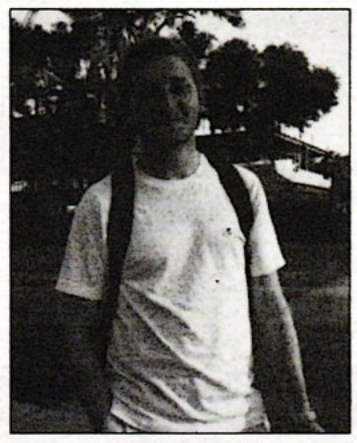
Thomas Martin
Assistant Director of Greek Life

Q1. "I wasn't satisfied with how things went both nationally and state wide. I'm pretty disappointed with the low turnout of voters between the ages of 18 and 30. There is a lot of apathy and frustration that was not met and I don't think people on either party are listening to that."

Q2. "More of a variety. I think there needs to be a third party option. You see that a lot in other countries and here you just have Democrat of Republican and they have that rigged so it stays that way."

Q3. "I think there is going to be more of the same as far as gridlock goes."

Burke Tomaselli
Junior History and Political Science Major

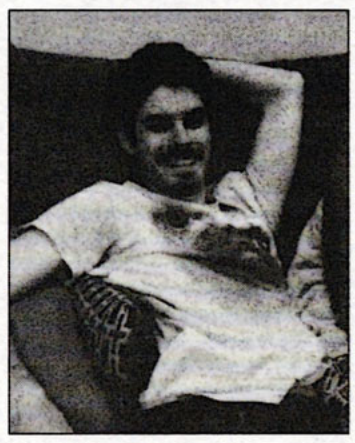


Q1. "Yes and no. There are obviously things I voted for that did not turn out the way I planned but that's life."

Q2. "The impossible, which is sticking with political promises."

Q3. "I'm hoping it goes in a better direction for our country and the state of Florida."

Skylyr Strader
Senior Biomedical Major



Q1. "It did not go exactly as I would have hoped but either way it's whatever."

Q2. "As long as Rick Scott does not destroy Florida more, I'm ok with it."

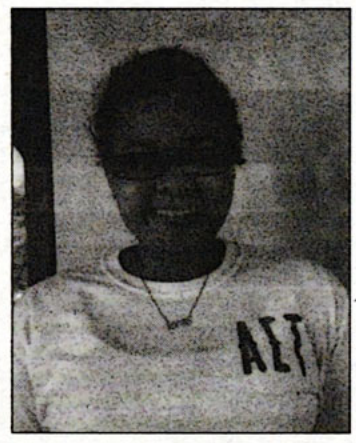
Q3. "I like the way things are going for the environment. The medicinal marijuana is a setback but it'll get passed in the future. I like that amendment three did not pass."

Dr. Leo Ondrovic
Associate Professor of Biology and Physics

Q1. "I am disappointed with the partisan divide. We need more moderate candidates."

Q2. I think the candidates are going to follow the money instead of the people's choices."

Jazmine Stevenson
Junior Political Science Major

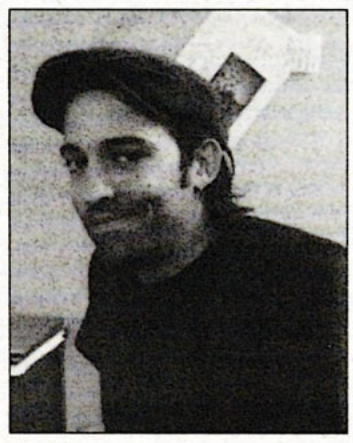


Q1. "I think that it did not turn out as well as it should have because people didn't go out and vote, especially younger people."

Q2. "I would like them to give us better stuff for education and money for college students."

Q3. "Try to be positive but since things have been going downhill and it's the same governor, I can't see things changing much."

Robert Botelho
Learning Resource Center
Psychology and Honors Tutor



Q1. "I am definitely not satisfied. I'm actually pretty well disgusted with the state of America."

Q2. "I would like to see them impeached for misappropriation of funds and for lying to taxpayers."

Q3. "I don't know where things are going to go from here."

For more information on the results of the election please visit: http://enr.electionsfl.org/PAS/Summary/1172

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Ballots Cast: 162,716
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Arts & Entertainment

Book of Life: A Book Worth Watching

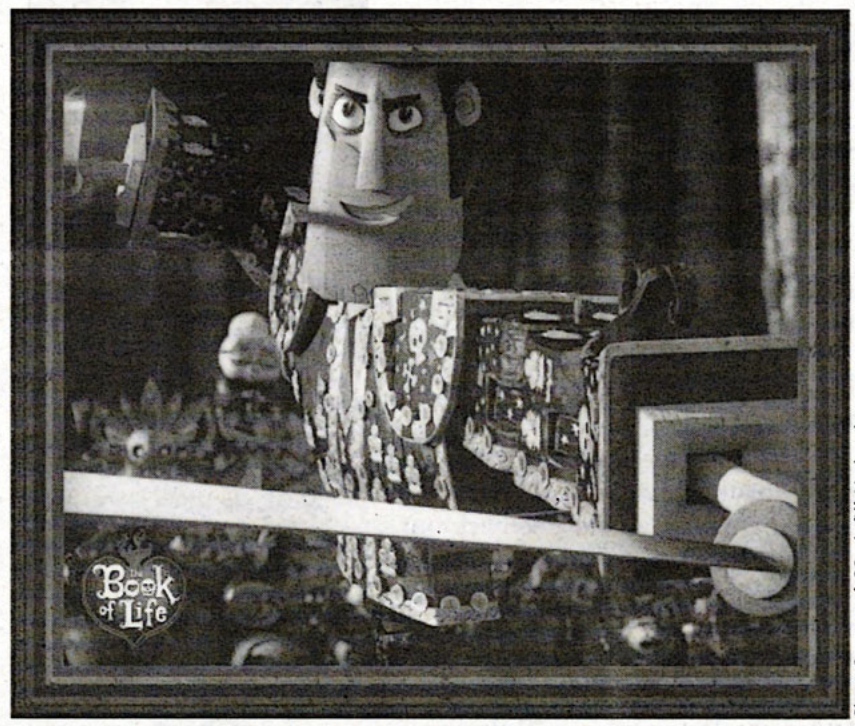
By Austin Chiavaroli
Staff Writer

With the Mexican holiday, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), being celebrated around the same time as Halloween, 20th Century Fox brings in their new animated movie, "The Book of Life," directed by Jorge Gutierrez.

The storyline of this movie has multiple plots, as the whole movie takes place in a book of tales called "The Book of Life." The tale that the movie focuses around has two gods, La Muerte (Kate del Castillo) and Xibalba (Ron Perlman), attending the Day of the Dead festival in the town of San Angel's. The gods see two boys, Manolo (Diego Luna) and Joaquín (Channing Tatum), trying to win the heart of a high spirited girl, Maria (Zoe Saldana). Xibalba bets she will choose Joaquin, whereas Muerte bets on Manolo, with both gods wagering their worlds to one another. María gets in trouble with her father General Posada (Carlos Alazraqui) and is shipped away to a boarding school.

After years of the training, Manolo become a famous bullfighter, whereas Joaquin becomes the town hero with help from Xibalba. When Maria returns to the town, she finds that her father has arranged for her to marry Joaquín. However, Maria finds that she has more feelings for Manolo. Afraid of losing the bet, Xibalba summons a snake to kill Manolo. During a secret meeting Maria is bitten by the snake in front of Manolo. Thinking she is dead, Manolo gives up his life to Xibalba so he can be with her in death. However, when the snake bites him, he finds that he has been tricked by Xibalba and Maria is still alive. Now Manolo must find a way to get out of the afterlife known as The Land of the Forgotten, and get back to the World of the Remembered to be reunited with Maria.

This movie has multiple good plots and the animation is very stunning, having a style not seen in movies before. Jorge Gutierrez's helped animate the movie as well, bringing the same style as some of his past TV cartoon "El Tigre: The Adventures of Manny Rivera." The Spanish atmosphere gives the movie an excuse to use bright, vivid color schemes and multiple Mexican type themes with cacti, sombreros, and mariachi bands. What's even better is that the characters are made to look like marionettes. The movie does a good job of being original and using its colors and style to an advantage, having many gorgeous and creative scenes.



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The puppet imagery and Hispanic flair give "The Book of Life" a unique look.

However, one thing becomes an issue the farther the movie progresses. The many plots that come up in the movie make it very difficult to follow along. With so many things taking place, the movie becomes cluttered with exposition. Another issue is that though Maria is free-spirited, she still has to wait to marry a man. Though this isn't a major issue it has upset some viewers that are more into the independent, heroic woman aspect that has become more popular in cinema.

With the animation of this film being some of the best viewed this year, "The Book of Life" is definitely a movie for the whole family to see, even if it has confusing plots. This movie gets a rating of 4.5/5.

Set Your Gameplay Into Overdrive

By Austin Chiavaroli
Staff Writer

With more recent games involving heavy storytelling and dark themes, it's a relief to find a new game that is comedic and vibrant. Insomniac Games, known for their Spyro and Rachet and Clank series, has created a new game for the Xbox One called "Sunset Overdrive."

The story takes place in the colorful metropolis known as Sunset City, which has been taken over and controlled by a corporation known as FizzCo. The player has his/her own avatar, which is an employee of the company who has been given the task of cleaning up after their huge celebratory launch of their new energy drink product, Overcharge Delirium XT. The only downside is that this energy drink turns most of the people of Sunset City into crazy, overdosed mutants. The player now has to find the survivors and team up with them to escape Sunset City.

The gameplay is full of objectives and missions with the whole city being an open world, giving the player space to explore. It focuses on swift combat, letting the player wall run, zip line and use acrobatics to his/her advantage with quick moves. Grinding the rails of the city also gets the player to destinations faster, and helps the player venture around the map more easily. With an eight weapon slot menu the player can have multiple guns such as an assault rifle, grenade launcher and more, all with clever comedic names.

Amps play a big role in the game as they make the player's character more powerful in the higher missions in Sunset City. There are multiple amps to pick from, like weapon amps that help with ammo and weapons, hero amps which help with style, and melee amps that help with the melee action of the player's weapon. The last amp is the epic amp which makes anything happen like railing catching on fire, the ground trembling under the player, and lightning destroying the enemies around the player.

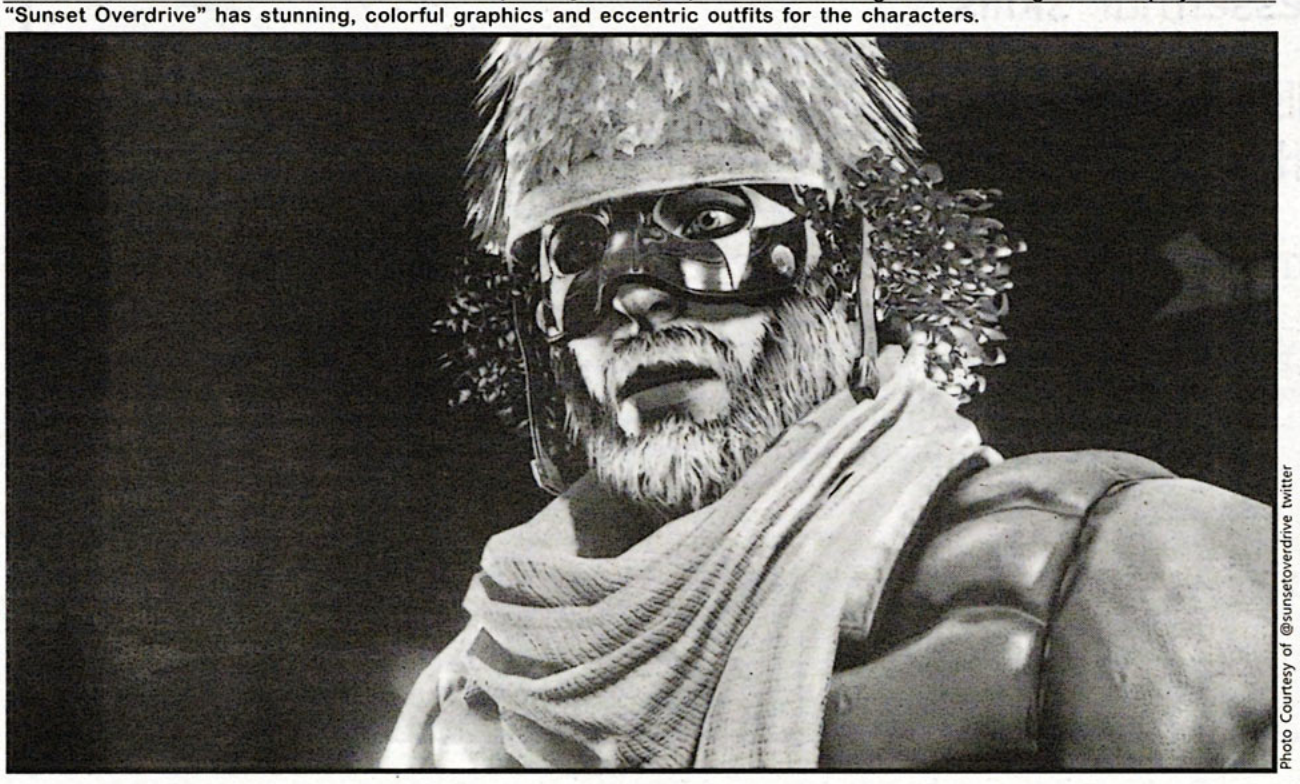
The game also has an online co-op mode called ChaosSquad. In this mode, eight players guard and defend vats of the FizzCo energy drink from the mutants. While players can work together, they can also try to earn the prize of style points. These style points help with getting amps that help with the customization of the player's character. Though ChaosSquad does not support free-roam co-op, the option might be available in the expansion pack.

The customization option of the game is like any other open world game, it has tons of clothing and upgrades that you can equip to your character and their weapons. The customization makes the player avatar look more unique and rebellious in the mutant covered apocalyptic world.

The best thing about the game is its comedic approach to its apocalyptic world, as the many jokes in the game either break the fourth wall or have clever and sarcastic wit. "Sunset Overdrive's" theme has a punk rock rebellious attitude, which helps the comedic approach that it is going for as well.

However, if there is one issue with the game, it is that the controls are too complex. However, once the player figures them out the game becomes a breeze to play. "Sunset Overdrive" is a concoction of hours of fun and laughs, giving a brighter outlook to the open world third person shooter genre. With all that into check, this game gets a 4.5/5.

"Sunset Overdrive" has stunning, colorful graphics and eccentric outfits for the characters.



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Lions' Pride Thanksgiving Word Search

By Amber Fink
Contributing Writer

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Make Your Thanksgiving Sides the Star

By Autumn Murray
Contributing Writer

Thanksgiving Break is coming soon and you're going home to visit your beloved family. Your mom is insisting that you bring a side dish with you to Thanksgiving dinner but with your college dorm expertise, ramen noodles or Spaghettios may not cut it. Have no fear, you can create scrumptious side dishes the whole family will love without possessing many skills in the culinary arts. These three dishes are simple, inexpensive and delicious!

The pressure of having to compete against Grandma's green bean casserole can be frightening, but you can still steal the show with a heavenly glazed carrot dish.

This is a great alternative for any veggie dishes you plan on preparing for Thanksgiving.

Glazed Carrots

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons of butter
1 bag of fresh baby carrots (16 oz)
2 tablespoons of honey
2 tablespoons of packed sugar
1 tablespoon of molasses

Directions:

In a skillet, and add 1 bag (16 oz) of fresh baby carrots, 2 tablespoons of honey, 2 tablespoons of packed brown sugar, 1 tablespoon of molasses and toss gently to coat the carrots. Stir occasionally until the carrots are tender. This should only take about 10-12 minutes. Serve immediately.

Leave the whole family in awe with fresh cranberry sauce made from scratch. You'll never open up a can of that processed, jiggling gelatin glob again after seeing how easy this recipe s to make!

Cranberry Sauce

Ingredients:

12 ounces of fresh cranberries
1 cup of sugar
1 cup of orange juice
Orange peel for garnish (optional)

Directions:

Simmer 1 cup of sugar with 1 cup of orange juice until the sugar dissolves. Then add 12 ounces of fresh cranberries. Simmer together for about 10 minutes or until all the cranberries have popped. Remove from heat, let cool and serve warm. If you want to be fancy, grate orange peel on top for garnish.

You know it's almost Thanksgiving when squash is in season and clutter the produce section at all the grocery stores. Classic baked acorn squash is a fall-favorite side dish that you can't go wrong with.

Classic Baked Acorn Squash

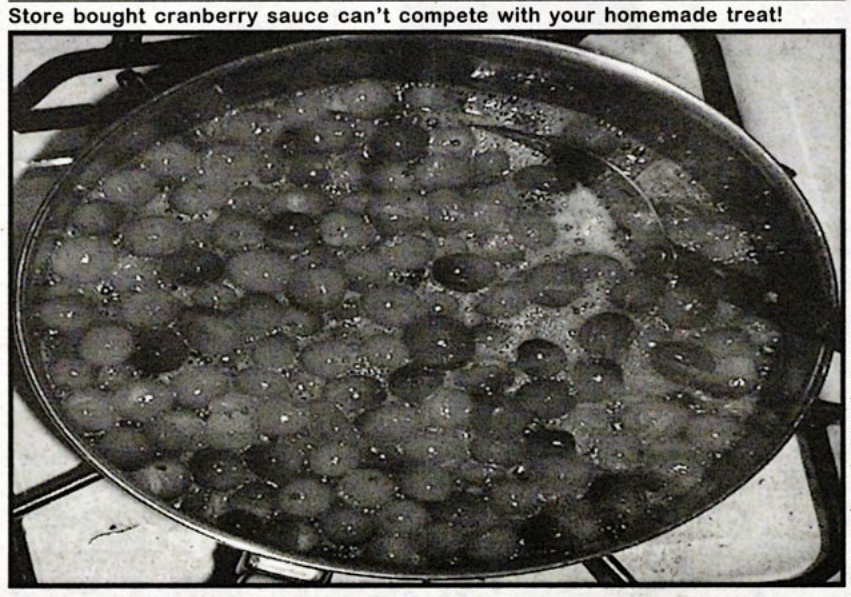
Ingredients:

1 squash
1/2 a teaspoon of butter
1 tablespoon of brown sugar
1 teaspoon of maple syrup

Directions:

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees and cut 1 acorn squash in half. One squash should serve 2 people, so prepare accordingly to your family size. Once cut in half, scoop out the seeds with a metal spoon. Once cleaned, take a knife and score the inside of the squash in a cross-hatch pattern. Rub a half teaspoon of butter into the insides of each half. Crumble a tablespoon of brown sugar into the center of each half then drizzle with a teaspoon of maple syrup. Pop in the oven on a baking pan for about an hour to an hour and 15 minutes until the squash is browned and tender. Remove from oven, cool and serve.

Store bought cranberry sauce can't compete with your homemade treat!



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